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I hereby certify that this correspondence, consisting of an Amendment/Reply Transmittal Letter, and Amendment, are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. (703) 306-4520) on February 20, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

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Amendment/Reply Transmittal Letter

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☒ No additional claim fee is required.☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	13	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00


☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory response period in which this Amendment is being timely filed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 3 as follows:

- sub 1* 1. (Twice Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
- an absorbent body enclosed between a liquid-impermeable backing sheet and a material laminate in the form of a liquid permeable, fibrous sheet of material forming a top sheet, and a liquid-permeable, porous and resilient sheet of material, forming a liquid transfer sheet lying proximal to the absorbent body,

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